

18,000 PROTEST EVERY HOUR.

Sufferers from Gas Extortion Who Have Been Shown the Remedy by The Evening World Sign Monster Appeal.

"ACORNS" HARD AT WORK.

Novel Booth Erected in City Hall Park in Which Nine Typewriters Are Kept Busy Recording Names of Victims of the Gas Trust.

The Citizens' Union has taken up the Evening World's crusade against the outrageous charges of the Gas Trust. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Union, co-operating with the directors of the Merchants' Association, it was decided to inaugurate a relentless warfare against the Lighting Trust to compel it to furnish to Greater New York cheaper and better gas and to enable the city to operate its own lighting plant.

Authority was given to President Joseph Johnson, of the Order of Acorns, Saturday night to begin the agitation in behalf of the bill now before the Assembly empowering the city to create a lighting plant.

President Johnson was prompt to act. At 2 o'clock this morning he was directing the operations of a gang of workmen in the erection of a large booth in City Hall Park, on the Park Row side, past which point scores of thousands of men and women pass daily. When the booth was erected with bunting this announcement was displayed in big letters:

TO THE LIGHTING TRUST—HALT!!!

Sign this petition, all who enter here:

To the Legislature of the State of New York:

Let—We, the undersigned citizens of the City of New York, respectfully and urgently call upon you promptly to pass the Municipal Electric Lighting bill, known as the Moore bill, now pending before you.

2d—On behalf of the private consumers in this city, who are suffering from the extortion of the Lighting Trust, we pray for remedial legislation. Give your name to the typewriter and pass on.

Nine typewriters, each logging a machine, appeared, following the hoisting of the appeal. They were lined up behind their machines as a notary public administered the oath to each inquiring man to faithfully record and account for each name presented. Then came a lusty-lunged announcer and a megaphone.

"Now you're off!" shouted President Johnson, and the process of receiving the names and addresses was under way.

"Step inside," shouted the Barker. "If you want to prevent robbery by the Gas Trust sign the petition. Give your name to any of our expert typewriters. The notary public is inside and will attest each signature. Do you want better and cheaper gas? Is your pocketbook interested? Are you interested? Then give your name."

The effect of The Evening World's agitation against the Gas Trust became apparent. The public had already been enlightened about the greedy and extortionate practices of the gas companies, and the nine typewriters were soon busy clicking off names and addresses.

"We can get 18,000 names an hour by this process," declared President Johnson. "We will send to the Legislature the biggest protest ever recorded. Thanks to The Evening World's splendid work ours is made easy. The people are already enlightened as to the facts. We will keep this going until we have every gas consumer in New York registered."

WOULDN'T DIE A CONSUMPTIVE.

Yale Student Who Killed Himself Was Friend of Senator Fairbanks's Son and Lightly Wrote of End.

SEEMING MYSTERY NOT ONE.

Richard Monroe Fairbanks, a son of Senator Fairbanks, and a member of the sophomore class of Yale, came from New Haven to-day to get a letter from the Coroner's Office which had been left for him by Herman Escher, a classmate, who committed suicide in the Manhattan Hotel last night by shooting himself.

Young Fairbanks read the letter and his face grew even graver than before. He then hurried away, after refusing to discuss the matter with anyone.

Yale friends of Bowman Escher have taken charge of the body pending the coming of his father, who is expected to reach the city this evening from his home in Chicago.

An End Put to the Mystery.

Explanations from young Fairbanks and from Buffalo put an end to the mystery that the coroner attached to a letter found on the table. The contents of this letter led the coroner to believe that something besides illness might have prompted the suicide.

Escher came to New York Friday night. He was seen about the corridors of the hotel only a few times, coming out of his room only for meals. Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock three young men called and knocked at his door. There was no response and they went away. First C. G. Kane, then later and he did not appear her suspicions were aroused and she informed the clerk.

The door was broken in and Escher was found dead in bed. He was dressed in his pajamas, and the revolver with which he had ended his life was grasped in his right hand. A note to the coroner requested him to notify E. B. Escher, Chicago, and young Fairbanks in New Haven. There was also a letter to Fairbanks and one to Escher from S. M. Clements, President of the Marine National Bank in Buffalo. It was this letter that aroused the suspicion of the coroner. It read:

Trouble Over Fraternity.

"Bowman Escher, No. 208 Durfee, New Haven:

"Incloses telegram just received from Lowell, the contents of which I have just wired you. I very much regret his decision. It may be you can bring influence to bear upon him to-morrow to change, and if, in his letter, which will probably follow this telegram, I find anything that will be of any use to you I will wire you again to-morrow."

A telegram from Mr. Clements explained that he did not know Escher, but had received a letter from him in regard to fraternity matters. Escher, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, wanted Lowell Frost, Mr. Clements's nephew, to become a member. He had decided to join Psi Upsilon.

Young Fairbanks said Escher was one of the brightest men in the sophomore class at Yale. He was one of the editors of the Yale News and had been elected as Chairman of the Board of Editors for the year. He was a high class student and was popular with all his classmates. Two years ago he fell from a window in the hotel and broke his leg in ten places. He had not been well since, and the coroner's physician said he was suffering from tuberculosis. Despondent over the prospect of a lingering death from consumption, he committed suicide to escape it.

HANGED HIMSELF AT SEA.

Second Cabin Passenger on Columbus Committed Suicide on Voyage.

When the British steamship Columbus, on nine days from Liverpool, arrived to-day with 213 cabin and 651 steerage passengers, she reported that John Macgill, forty-three years old, a second cabin passenger, committed suicide on March 28 by hanging himself in his room. Macgill was an Irishman on his first visit to this country. His body was buried at sea.

YOUNG GIRL TRIED TO KILL HERSELF.

Went to Hotel with a Man and Later Turned On the Gas in Attempt to Die.

Eva Herman, the pretty young girl who was found almost asphyxiated in a room in the Adams House, at No. 17 South Avenue last night, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning. She dismissed the police theory of possible suicide by denying she had attempted suicide. She said her home was in Paterson, N. J.

The young woman went to the hotel on Saturday night with a man somewhat older. They registered as James Ford and wife and were given a room on the second floor. The man left early yesterday morning. It is thought, late in the afternoon a porter smelled gas and traced it to the room the couple had occupied. When the door was burst in the young woman was unconscious and was taken in an ambulance to St. Vincent's hospital.

She regained consciousness later, but would not tell whether she had attempted suicide or anything regarding herself.

DRANK POISON AND CALLED FOR HELP.

Mrs. Frazer Decided She Didn't Want to Die as Badly as She Thought She Did.

Mrs. Margaret Frazer, fifty-four years old, formerly an actress, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court to-day on a charge of attempting to commit suicide in her apartments at No. 327 West Twenty-first street. Mrs. Frazer was unable to say why she had wished to die.

Her husband, C. G. Kane, whose stage name is Agnes Ardeck, had gone to church in company with William A. Scott yesterday and when they returned they found the neighbors and a policeman, with an ambulance surgeon, working over Mrs. Frazer. She had swallowed a quantity of greatly diluted prussic acid and had then decided she did not want to die and called the neighbors.

Mrs. Frazer and her daughter have been in New York only a week, having come here from St. Louis.

Furniture Dept. Bird's-Eye Maple Bureaus & Chiffoniers

Tuesday, March 31st, the following Very Special Values in High-Grade Bedroom Furnishings:

- 6 Bureaus, value \$37.50, for \$27.00 each.
- 6 Chiffoniers, value \$35.00, for \$24.50 each.
- 35 Bureaus, value \$40.00, for \$28.75 each.
- 35 Chiffoniers, value \$37.50, for \$27.50 each.
- 24 Bureaus, value \$42.50, for \$32.50 each.
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We propose this season to do the largest trade in the city in Rose Bushes, Shrubs, Bulbs and Seeds. This is a pretty big contract—but in view of our preparations and resources, we are confident of success. Our Rose Bushes are far more vigorous than the weak, puny hothouse plants being grown outdoors, and will therefore thrive in any soil and give the very best results. Every plant in this offering was selected by an expert. This season we will display these goods in our popular basement salesroom, where light and ventilation are perfect.

Mail Orders, accompanied by cash, promptly filled. No Plants sent C. O. D.

<p>The Alfred Colomb Rose! Bright carnation, red, a strong free bloomer; large, full and globular hybrid perpetual; exceeding fine. At 10c</p> <p>Red and White Moss Rose! This rose is as hardy as any rose can be, and is a vigorous grower. It is very desirable on account of its exquisite buds and half double blossoms. At 10c</p> <p>General Jacqueminot Rose! Famously known as Jack Rose, too well known to require lengthy description. A rich crimson scarlet with a mass of blossoms. At 10c</p> <p>Marshall P. Wilder Rose! Cherry carnation, large flower, perfect form; continuous in bloom; long and slender; long stems. Very desirable for cut flowers. At 10c</p> <p>Jules Margottin Rose! Light brilliant crimson, large, full, beautiful, luxuriant and sweet. At 10c</p> <p>Paul Neyron Rose! Deep rose color; good foliage, rare form; elegant bloomer; a rose to be proud of. At 10c</p> <p>La France Rose! Delicious silver rose; very large and full, an almost constant bloomer, equal in delicacy to a tea rose, the most pleasing of all roses. At 10c</p> <p>Ulrich Brunner Rose! Brilliant cherry red, a very effective color; flowers in form and finish, petals of great substance; plants vigorous and healthy; well recommended. At 10c</p> <p>Perle Blanche Rose! Beautiful white with a pale center; no garden complete without this rose, as it adds to the appearance of either the pink or red rose. At 10c</p> <p>Madame Plantier Rose! One of the best of the hardy white roses, producing flowers in great abundance, extra heavy foliage. A most attractive bush for lawn decoration. At 10c</p> <p>Margaret Dickson Rose! Of magnificent form; white with pale pink center; petals very large, shell shaped and of great substance; fragrant, foliage very dark green, large, dark green. At 10c</p> <p>Captain Christy Rose! Extra large, full flower; color a lovely shade of pale peach, deepening at center to rosy crimson; a lovely rose, blooming almost the entire season. This is a strong grower, with good foliage, at 10c</p> <p>Crimson Rambler Rose! This is the greatest acquisition of a lifetime. It is perfectly hardy, very vigorous in growth, often making shoots 12 feet long in one season. This rose will not be sold alone; its flowers are growing crimson—produces in large panicles. As a climber, or trailing rose, it stands unequalled. At 10c</p> <p>Other Roses! We have numerous other roses, such as Baroness de Stettin, Celine, Porcelain, Gen. Washington, Glorie de Dijon, John H. Pae, Pauline, Persian Yellow, Victor Verdier and Fisher Holmes at 10c each.</p> <p>Magna Charta Rose! Bright pink, suffused with carmine; very large, full and fragrant, with magnificent foliage. A free continuous bloomer. At 10c</p> <p>Mrs. John Laing Rose! Soft pink, flowers on large and of fine form, produced on strong stems; exceedingly long and slender; continuous in the open ground. The most beautiful rose of recent introduction, at 10c</p> <p>Prince Camille de Rohan Rose! Deep, velvety crimson, changing to intense scarlet; large, moderately full, a prolific bloomer, and one of the roses to please the most fastidious. At 10c</p> <p>Flowering Hyacinths! Summer flowering hyacinths for summer and autumn. These plants are produced on stalk 3 to 4 feet high, having from 20 to 30 flowers. At 3c</p> <p>Hydrangea paniculata Grandiflora! This is absolutely hardy, thrives in all soils, grows rapidly and blossoms profusely; the flowers are pure white, afterward changing to pink, in large panicles. At 10c</p> <p>Cannas! This collection consists of varieties that have been thoroughly tested. All are strong, free flowering, and very free growing. They are well used for massing on lawns, and are certain to give the best of satisfaction. 4 varieties at 3c each.</p>	<p>Clematis paniculata! CLEMATIS PANICULATA, the new sweet-scented flower of Japan, grows and thrives anywhere; a very rapid grower and profuse bloomer. The flowers are pure white and are borne in clusters, converting the plant into a perfect mass of white. Extra strong plants. At 10c</p> <p>Gladioli! THE GLADIOLI are the most attractive of all the summer flowering bulbs and deserve a place in every garden. It is sure to flower and do well with very little care. MIXED VARIETY, per dozen. At 15c</p> <p>Tuberous-rooted Begonias! This class of Begonias are the handsomest of all summer flowering tuberoses. The texture and coloring are really phenomenal. The colors range from the palest pink to the most intense scarlet and crimson. Single bulbs, 5c. Double bulbs, each. At 8c</p> <p>Azalea Mollis! Azalea Mollis, dormant plants, showy, hardy plants. The brilliancy of the flowers is not approached by anything in the line of hardy shrubs. Price per plant. At 25c</p> <p>Japan Lilies! Japan Lilies, Album Aurum and Rubrum. These Lilies require very little care. After planting they should not be disturbed for years; as established plants bloom more freely than if taken up and replanted. Price per bulb. At 6c</p> <p>Flowering Shrubs! A full line of Flowering Shrubs, each. At 10c</p> <p>Flower Seeds! Flower seeds, grand variety—per dozen pack. At 10c</p> <p>Dahlia! One of the best autumnal flowering plants. The flowers are of various and unexpected colors, and considering their graceful beauty it is no wonder that they have developed during the last few years. Full-sized roots. At 10c</p> <p>Elephant's Ear! For obtaining tropical effects in lawn and garden planting, this beautiful plant takes a prominent place. Grows well in any soil and stands 3 to 7 feet high, with bright green leaves 3 to 4 feet long and 2 to 3 inches wide. BULBS, 5 to 7 inches. At 10c</p> <p>Tuberose! The flowers of this popular plant are very fragrant, and can be used as house plants. To need little introduction and are very inexpensively priced. Per dozen. At 10c</p> <p>Japan Lilies!</p>
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Women's Tailored Suits Down to 1/3 Recent Prices!

THIS GREAT PRICE REDUCTION has been made to close out a lot of about one hundred Suits—a clean up of last Fall's best designs—made up in a variety of handsome styles in Eton and close fitting tailor-made effects, variously trimmed, in homespun, mixed suitings and other fashionable materials—reduced for quick selling to the following extremely low prices:

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<p>95c FOR Dainty FINE LAWN WAISTS, with all-over lace yokes, plaited backs, large, full sleeves, soft stock collars.</p> <p>1.25 FOR FINE WHITE LAWN WAISTS, fronts have yokes of small box plaits and lace insertion, bodice effect of lace insertion, lace trimmed collar and cuffs.</p> <p>2.95 FOR NATURAL CHINA SILK WAISTS very prettily trimmed in Val lace insertion and small, stitched box plaits.</p> <p>3.95 FOR FINE BLACK PRAE DRESS WAISTS, fronts and backs of fine tucking, finished in covered silk buttons, fancy stock collar.</p>	<p>95c FOR Dainty FINE LAWN WAISTS, with all-over lace yokes, plaited backs, large, full sleeves, soft stock collars.</p> <p>1.25 FOR FINE WHITE LAWN WAISTS, fronts have yokes of small box plaits and lace insertion, bodice effect of lace insertion, lace trimmed collar and cuffs.</p> <p>2.95 FOR NATURAL CHINA SILK WAISTS very prettily trimmed in Val lace insertion and small, stitched box plaits.</p> <p>3.95 FOR FINE BLACK PRAE DRESS WAISTS, fronts and backs of fine tucking, finished in covered silk buttons, fancy stock collar.</p>
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